



Blochhouse, Forts, Fortresses ... By them, shall see the Brazil edified ...

“The greatest wonder of our history is national unity”
Tristão de Ataíde.

9_EVOLUTION OF THE DEFENSE SYSTEM

“Fortresses, cities and high walls,
By them, shall see, daughter, edified”.
Os Lusíadas, C II, 156)

“Portugal can and must be proud of having owned one of the world’s largest group of fortifications, that is preserved until today, comprising about three hundred fortifications built on a permanent basis, of which more than a hundred and a half are in Brazil (...)”,

Portugal can also be proud of having left us a great legacy of the colonial period, that deeply marked the formation of our nationality: the language, culture, churches (...) and military fortifications, dotting the coastline and the huge terrestrial border that separates us from the nations of Spanish origin and former protectorates of Britain, France and the Netherlands.